

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2017**

JANSANKHYA STHIRATA KOSH

3270. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is keeping a track of the activities taken under the Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh and the success achieved in attaining goals of National Population Policy, 2000 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the utilisation of funds for selected projects, schemes, initiatives and innovative ideas relating to family planning;
- (c) whether the United Nations Population Fund has funded the population control programme of India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the outcome of population control programme has not been satisfactory and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): Yes, the National Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has declined from 2.7 in NFHS-3 (2005-06) to 2.2 in NFHS-4 (2015-16)
- (b): Funds to the tune of approx Rs. 12.00 Crores was utilized for the activities of Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK) during the last financial year 2016-17.
- (c): No such information is available with Ministry.
- (d): No.
- (e): The steps taken by the Government are given in the **Annexure.**

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Steps taken by the Government under Family Planning

New interventions

- **Mission Parivar Vikas:** For increasing access to contraceptives and FP services, which will improve the overall development parameters of these districts.
- **New Contraceptive Choices:** The current basket has been expanded to include the new choices viz. Injectable contraceptive, Centchroman and Progesterone Only Pills (POP).
- **Redesigned Contraceptive Packaging:** The packaging for Condoms, OCPs and ECPs has now been improved and redesigned so as to influence the demand for these commodities.
- **New Family Planning Media Campaign:** A360 degree media campaign has been launched to generate contraceptive demand.
- **Family Planning logistics management information system** has been launched and initial trainings are expected to start by August 2017.
- **Enhanced Compensation Scheme for Sterilization-** The compensation package has been enhanced in 2014 for 11 high focus high TFR states (8 EAG states, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana) and further increased for 146 high fertility districts under the Mission Parivar Vikas.
- A new method of IUCD insertion i.e. PPIUCD has been introduced.
- **PPIUCD Incentive Scheme:** Started wef. 1.1.2014. The service provider as well as ASHA who escorts the clients to the health facility for facilitating the IUCD insertion is paid Rs. 150 each per insertion. Beneficiaries are also paid Rs. 300/insertion to ensure better follow up.
- **Post Abortion Family Planning Services:** is now being promoted as a critical intervention to reduce maternal morbidities.
- **Scheme for ensuring drop back services to sterilization clients.**
- Appointment of dedicated **RMNCH+A counsellors** at high case load facilities.
- **Observation of Vasectomy fortnight-** To lay emphasis on male participation Vasectomy fortnight is celebrated by all states in November. The event is observed for a period of 15 days with mobilization week and service delivery week.

On-going Interventions

- Ensuring quality of care in Family Planning services by establishing Quality Assurance Committees in all state and districts.
- Cu IUCD 375 with 5 years effectivity has been introduced in the programme as an alternative to the existing IUCD (Cu IUCD 380A with effectivity of 10 years).
- **Scheme for Home delivery of contraceptives by ASHAs** at doorstep of beneficiaries. The scheme has been now expanded so as to ensure availability of free supply at PHC and SC. It also aims at ensuring availability of condom boxes at all the facilities.
- **Scheme for ASHAs to ensure spacing in births:**
 - Under the scheme, services of ASHAs are being utilized for counselling newly married couples to ensure delay of 2 years in birth after marriage and couples with 1 child to have spacing of 3 years after the birth of 1st child.
- Increasing male participation and promotion of ‘Non Scalpel Vasectomy’.
- **National Family Planning Indemnity Scheme:** The clients are indemnified in the unlikely events of deaths, complications and failures following sterilization and the providers/ accredited institutions are indemnified against litigations in those eventualities.
- Accreditation of more private/ NGO facilities to increase the provider base for family planning services under PPP.
- **Observation of World Population Day & fortnight** (July 11 – July 24):

The event is observed over a month long period, split into an initial fortnight of mobilization/sensitization followed by a fortnight of assured family planning service delivery.

- a. June 27 to July 10: “Dampati Sampark Pakhwada” or “Mobilisation Fortnight”
 - b. July 11 to July 24 “Jansankhya Sthirtha Pakhwada” or “Population Stabilisation Fortnight”
- Emphasis on Minilap Tubectomy services because of its logistical simplicity with less failure rates.
 - Demand generation activities in the form of display of posters, billboards and other audio and video materials in the various facilities

Interventions by Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh (JSK)

I. Santushti Strategy

‘Santushti’ is a scheme for 7 JSK high focus States (Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh & Odisha) which provides private sector gynecologists and vasectomy surgeons an opportunity to conduct sterilization operations under Public Private Partnership (PPP).

II. Prerna Strategy

In order to help push up the age of marriage of girls and space the birth of children in the interest of health of young mothers and infants, JSK has launched ‘Prerna’, a Responsible Parenthood Strategy in the above 7 high focus states.

The strategy recognizes and awards couples who have broken the stereotype of early marriage, early childbirth and repeated child births, and have helped change the mindsets of the community.

III. National Help Line

Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh initiated a first of its kind ‘National Helpline’ in India on Reproductive and Sexual Health, Family Planning and Infant and Child Health in 2008. The toll-free number is **1800-116-555** which can be accessed from anywhere in India.

IV. Advocacy & IEC activities

JSK regularly undertakes advocacy on the population issues with stakeholders such as adolescents and students, NGOs, communities and national media in high fertility States.